

Senate Resolution 111 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 111

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1 A Resolution in support of strengthening and deepening
2 the relationship between Taiwan and the State of
3 Iowa.

4 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa is proud of the
5 sister-state relationship it has enjoyed with Taiwan
6 since 1989, which is marked by strong bilateral trade,
7 educational and cultural exchanges, and tourism; and

8 WHEREAS, Taiwan shares with the United States
9 and the State of Iowa the common values of freedom,
10 democracy, and human rights, and a commitment to the
11 rule of law; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States ranks as Taiwan's
13 second-largest trading partner, and Taiwan is the
14 United States' 10th largest trading partner, with total
15 bilateral trade reaching \$68.2 billion in 2017; and

16 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the State of Iowa have enjoyed
17 a long and mutually beneficial relationship and
18 anticipate continuing growth, with Taiwan ranking
19 as Iowa's 5th largest export destination in Asia
20 in 2017, with \$171 million worth of Iowa goods
21 shipped to Taiwan, including food, machinery,
22 chemicals, miscellaneous manufactured commodities, and
23 agricultural products; and

24 WHEREAS, negotiations for a bilateral trade
25 agreement between Taiwan and the United States are an
26 important step toward further strengthening bilateral
27 trade between the State of Iowa and Taiwan, thereby

1 increasing Iowa's exports to Taiwan and creating
2 bilateral investment and technical collaboration
3 through tariff reduction and other trade facilitation
4 measures; and

5 WHEREAS, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of
6 "steadfast diplomacy" regarding international
7 relations and is capable of and willing to fulfill its
8 responsibilities and to collaborate with the world to
9 deal with the challenges of humanitarian aid, disease
10 control, and other important issues; NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
12 reaffirms its commitment to strengthening the
13 sister-state relationship between Taiwan and the
14 State of Iowa; endorses Taiwan's efforts to secure the
15 signing of a bilateral trade agreement with the United
16 States; and reaffirms support for increasing Taiwan's
17 international profile; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of
19 the Senate is hereby directed to send copies of this
20 Resolution to the members of Iowa's congressional
21 delegation and to the Taipei Economic and Cultural
22 Office in Chicago, Illinois.